



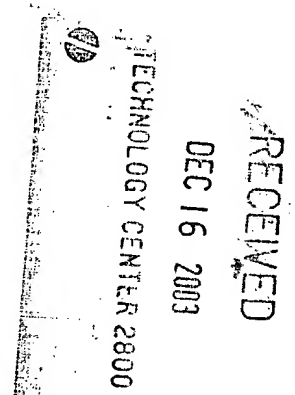
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Oscar L. AVANT et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2876  
Application No.: 09/651,323 ) Examiner: Ahshik KIM  
Filed: August 31, 2000 )  
For: APPARATUS AND METHODS )  
FOR IDENTIFYING A MAILPIECE )  
USING AN IDENTIFICATION )  
CODE )

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Sir:



**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2003, the period for response having been extended to December 9, 2003 by a request for extension of 2 months' time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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